

DSA upset over funding of college newspaper

By Jason Schneider

The Doon Student Association's annual funding contribution to Spoke was the hot topic at their weekly meeting Mar. 22.

Board members proposed several plans, which included reducing their \$18,000 subsidy; paying the difference of Spoke's expenses at the end of the school year; and ceasing funding all together, a move that would mean the end of Conestoga's campus newspaper.

As for funding the current school year, the DSA has made a stand to pay their share of Spoke's expenses at the end of spring term and this amount will not exceed \$17,500.

Chair of student services Fred Harris responded at the meeting by saying, "The administration is not

enamored with the proposal. It's just too radical a decline in funding."

Harris went on to explain that, originally, Spoke was completely funded by the DSA and was taken over by the college after the newspaper was integrated into the journalism program.

Since then, the college's annual subsidy for the cost of production has remained constant while the DSA's has decreased when inflation is considered.

Harris told the board that, "Spoke is a publication that is very valuable to the student body and potentially very beneficial to the DSA. Remember, it was your creation, not the college's."

Harris proposed that since no for-

mal agreement was ever made in regards to the Spoke subsidy, the DSA should negotiate a binding contract with the campus board of governors. "Maybe it's time for a radical relook at the situation," Harris said.

According to Mark Weicker, DSA vice-president of communications, the contract demands should include using the funds to buy new equipment strictly for newspaper production at the college.

He questioned why Spoke receives very few corporate donations compared to other programs, such as Broadcasting, which recently received boosts from CHUM and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Weicker also spoke on behalf of the

entire student body by saying, "I don't think the student population is happy with the performance of the newspaper. As part of the DSA, I know that we don't receive fair coverage in many of the stories."

Weicker added that a member of the DSA should be a part of the Spoke editorial board and help advise the coverage of events.

Pub manager Dave McQuillan concurred with Weicker on the unfair treatment of the DSA, citing the reporting of the newly-renovated student lounge. "This is the first time the lounge has been fixed up in 20 years and all we get is a little blurb on the back page."

McQuillan then said that the logical solution would be for the DSA to stop funding Spoke completely

and only pay for their advertising. Furthermore, he added, "My personal opinion is to yank everything and start our own paper."

Spoke editor Allana Gilliam-Wright says that, "We try to give the DSA the coverage they need. We always have reporters at every event. What they need to know is that Spoke is part of our program, and we are learning how to be responsible, objective journalists through Spoke."

She pointed out that every student pays the DSA a \$54 activity fee and a \$20 capital development fee through tuition. "We all pay for Spoke, not just the DSA, I think they have to be reminded of that as well."

Compact discs survive car blaze

By Jason Schmidt

Parking lot number five on Conestoga's Doon Campus was the site of a small car fire on March 22.

Fire fighters from fire station number six on Pioneer Drive in Kitchener, were dispatched to Conestoga College at 2:15 p.m. where they found a Ford Escort with a fire burning under its hood.

Fortunately there were no injuries and the fire was extinguished just a half hour after the fire department arrived.

"I have no idea what caused the fire," said Cpt. Jim Priebe, who was the head fireman at the scene.

"It can happen to any model of car, sometimes these things just occur...no one was at fault," he said.

Priebe also stated that this particular fire was very routine but the hardest part was getting the hood off because the car was "all locked up" at the time.

The only person who really got burned was the owner of the car, Mark Waechter who was in class when the fire broke out.

"It must have been an electrical problem somewhere," said a bewildered Waechter.



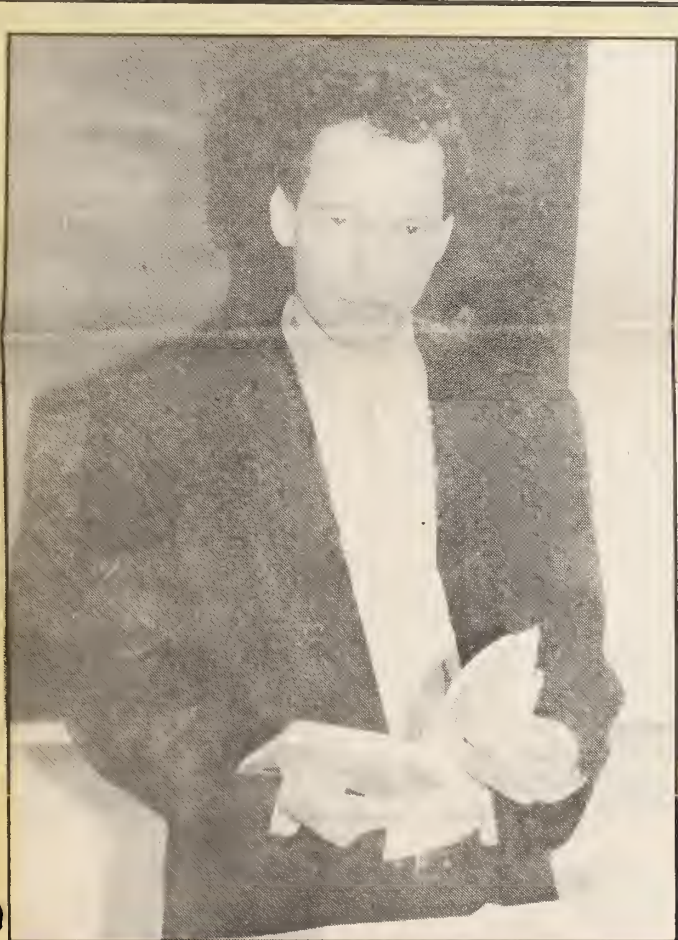
Mark Waechter is up in arms over what happened to his Ford Escort on March 22.

(Photo by Jason Schmidt)

"It's too bad, I was planning on selling it,(the car)" Waechter said as he held up two Guns 'n Roses compact discs that were sur-

prisingly not damaged in the blaze.

Waechter also stated the car is now a right-off but was happy to add he was insured.



Author

Lawrence Hill came to Conestoga College on March 22 to read from his book, *Some Great Thing*.

(Photo by Natasha Sweeney)

Chicken pox outbreak on campus poses health threat

By Kathleen Sibley

Doon nurse Marilyn Fischer says several cases of chicken pox have been confirmed on campus.

One woman became sick with the highly contagious virus on a DSA-organized trip to Florida during the March break, said Fischer. "The other 28 students on the trip were in contact with the woman while she was getting chicken pox, while she was sick, and then they had to come home with her," she said. "No one wanted to get back on the bus very badly."

Fischer said another case has been reported but she does not know if that person was also on the trip.

Before the outbreak of chicken pox, the Health Services office received notice from the Ministry of Health that students, faculty and staff in Health Sciences and Early Childhood Education (ECE) had to have either "a reliable history of chicken pox or the results of a varicella zoster screening (VZV)," she said. Students who knew they had already had chicken pox did not have to be tested when Gamma Laboratories came March 8 and 12 to do the screenings, said Fischer.

The test, which indicates if a person has self-sustained immunity, is important because "if they know someone has no immunity they won't put that person with children," she said. Students in Health Sciences and ECE do placements in hospitals and day

cares, where they have contact with children and older people, she said.

Fischer said there is no vaccination for chicken pox, and though it is rarely fatal, there can be complications, such as encephalitis, with children. Adults who have already had chicken pox can get shingles, she said, because the virus lies dormant and is reactivated through exposure. Shingles, which irritate the nerves are more painful than itchy, and are usually found on the stomach or back but can appear in other places, she said. "It's quite easy to diagnose."

Fischer said shingles are more common in adults over 50, but are occasionally found in children. There is no cure or prevention for the illness, she said, but treatment is usually

a cortisone preparation for itchiness and possibly pain medication.

Chicken pox, which "leaves you feeling terrible, with a slight fever, almost like a flu, nauseated, and with chills," said Fischer, can be easily transmitted during the two to three weeks incubation period and until the sores are dry. "If the vesicles are oozing and not dry they are considered contagious," she said. She added that students are not allowed back to school for a week after the sores have dried.

Pregnant women with chicken pox are at greater risk, said Fischer. "At certain times in certain trimesters it could cause a problem," she said. "Chicken pox increases the risk of stillborns and abortions."

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Students have political clout in college campaign

Ho Hum, it's that time of year again. Forget the "Ides of March" Caesar, when it comes to student politics at Conestoga College, March is apathy month.

It's time to choose a new Doon Student Association.

This year's election is shaping up to be a legitimate race, unlike 1992's orgy of acclamation.

During last year's pre-election campaign only the presidential seat was up for grabs. The positions of vice-president of communications and vice-president of administration were uncontested.

The day before the 1992 election one of the challengers revealed that he did not have the C average required to hold a DSA position.

Faster than you can say "But I didn't inhale" the election was cancelled and the 1992 DSA, through no fault of its own, won by default.

Judging from the number of campaign posters on the walls this year the race for DSA positions will be determined by voting students.

Now that there are enough candidates for an election the college just needs interested voters to cast the ballots.

Voter apathy is nothing new to Canadians. I think we invented it.

As a rule, students in Canada have little or no political clout.

Why should they? Politicians think that students are more interested in swilling beer and chasing members of the opposite sex than in flexing their political muscle.

Canadian politicians don't listen to students because most students don't vote.

A few years ago students in France nearly brought the French government to its knees.

French students not only vote for their politicians of choice but will riot in the streets if they feel their interests are not being looked after.

The recent show of voter backbone during the Canadian constitutional accord referendum may be a signal that voters are ready to take their politics seriously.

I hope this trend toward voter interest extends to the DSA elections at Conestoga College.

A politician who wins a seat through acclamation does not have to worry about what his or her constituents think.

A politician who wins by popular vote must live up to the expectations of the voter.

Last year Conestoga College got a better student government than it deserved.

We were lucky.

Remember, if you don't exercise your political will someone else will exercise it for you.



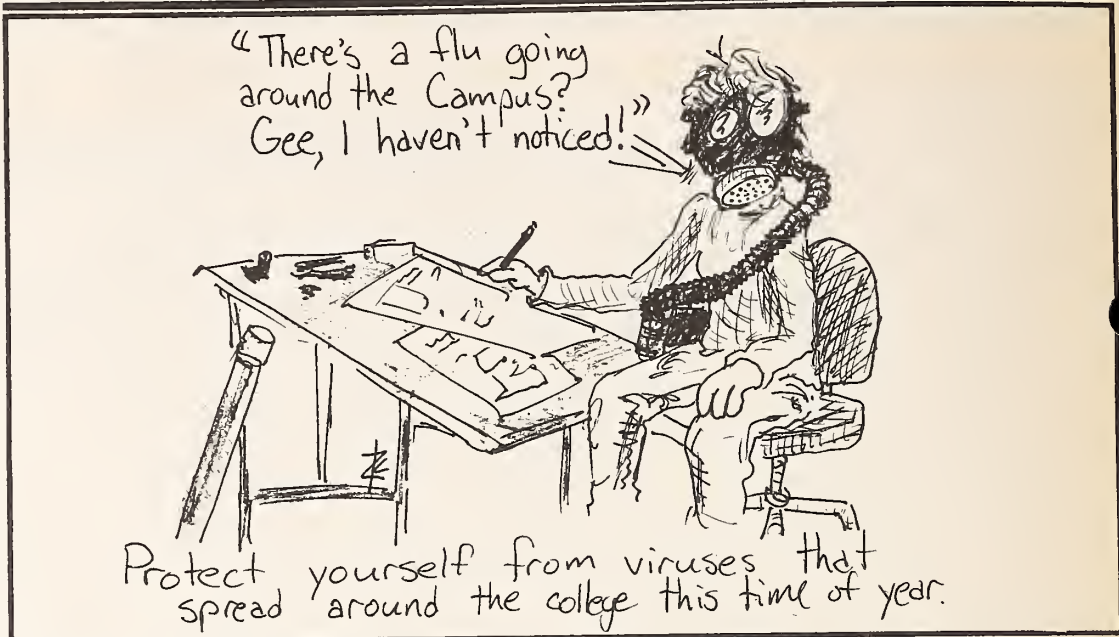
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Letters to the editor

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OPINION



Stress takes toll on students

Stress is a way of life. It surrounds us and often makes us physically ill.

Marilyn Fisher and Carol Glaze nurses at the Health Services located on Doon campus of Conestoga college, said many students who seek medical attention for minor ailments are actually suffering from stress. The numbers increase around mid-term and final exams.

Ailments include such things as headaches, stomach upsets, light headedness, fainting and high blood pressure. More serious problems such as alcohol and drug abuse can also contribute to stress.

Many students simply are trying to cope with too much. Some are single parents with a heavy course loads, who have become ill because of the pressure.

Other students are away from home for the first time and they often become sick because they are run down.

They do not eat balanced meals or get the proper amount of sleep and spend too many late nights studying. Social activities take their toll.

When the nurses see such cases,



By Allana Gillam-Wright

they offer students advice on nutrition, time management and if they feel the student is under a lot of stress, they will recommend counselling at Student Services.

Joan Magazine, a counsellor at Doon campus, said about 65 per cent of appointments made by students relate to academic or personal issues which cause stress-related problems.

Magazine said the economy has caused financial pressures for students and their families. They are often trying to exist on very little. Many students work and carry a full course load.

There is also the worry over the dismal job situation in this country.

Stress management workshops are offered by Student Services. If a faculty member sees a need, he will make arrangements with Students Services to have a counsellor

come into the classroom and present a workshop.

Students are also counselled individually on coping with stress.

There are some measures that a student can take to elevate stress.

If there is pressure in the home, it is sometimes advisable to move.

If this is not an option, changes in thinking and behavioral patterns can ease a tense situation. Learn to say "no." Don't over extend yourself.

When studying for exams take a break every couple of hours, take a walk, exercise is a great tension reliever.

If you are working at a computer for any length of time, take a 10-minute break at half-hour intervals. Take walk around the room and exercise your neck, wrists and eyes as well as your legs.

But the most important part of dealing with stress is to talk about it, either with a friend or with a counsellor. Take some personal time just to relax, go out to a movie, preferably a comedy as laughter is one of the best medicines for reducing stress.

Being overweight is not a crime

In a society that puts so much emphasis on appearance, it is sometimes difficult to accept people as they are on the inside and not how they appear on the outside.

Obesity is not a crime or disease and we have to remember that.

However, society is not totally to blame. The media also play a role in how we perceive ourselves.

Television is a prime example of a medium that places great emphasis on appearance. Most of today's shows feature beautiful, thin actors. Beverly Hills 90210 is a good example. The cast is made up of beautiful, thin girls with handsome boyfriends.

How many actors, with the exception of Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman, appear on television unless it is for one of the many commercials for diet products.

There is a lot of pressure on people, young and old, to be thin. Tracey Gold, who plays Carol Seaver on Growing Pains became anorexic. Gold is 5'3". A few years ago she weighed 133 lbs., which is not heavy. She starved herself



By Becki Chmielewski

down to 90 lbs.

Magazines are also to blame. They are filled with "perfect" people who have bodies most people would kill for.

People magazine has an annual edition filled with the 50 most beautiful people in the world. They mean to focus on personalities and achievements; that is evident in the paragraph that accompanies each picture.

However, the majority of chosen celebrities are very attractive. Models Cindy Crawford and Paulina Porizkova made the list last year, along with Jason Priestley and Mel Gibson.

According to an article that appeared in the Guelph Daily Mercury Sept. 3, the North American diet industry is worth more than

\$35 billion a year.

In the same article, it was also stated that 60 per cent of obesity is genetic and yo-yo dieting does more harm to the body than extra weight does.

An article in the October 1990 issue of Highlights magazine reported that bulimia and anorexia nervosa are linked to the deaths of 20-37 females per year in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

The article also stated that in Waterloo region alone, at least 400 young women suffer from anorexia and more than 1,600 suffer from bulimia.

There is nothing wrong with being weight or health conscious. But, taking it to such an extreme could cause it to backfire and do more harm than good. Risking your health for the sake of appearance is unnecessary and foolish.

People who feel they need to lose weight should consult a doctor and shed pounds under professional supervision.

Otherwise, they are taking their life into their own hands.

Letters to the Editor

Spoke is a bargain for the Doon Student Association

To the Editor:
The discussion about DSA's funding of Spoke has gotten to the point where it needs some explanation of how and why we got where we are. Twelve years ago, Spoke was a newspaper managed and financed entirely by the DSA. The association hired the editorial staff. The situation was not satisfactory because the paper limped along with minimal coverage and most weeks it comprised only four pages. The expenses in those days ran at, if I remember correctly, about \$30,000 a year.
At this point, DSA approached the Journalism Program about taking over the paper. With some trep-

idation because it meant restructuring the program, we agreed. The agreement stipulated for the Journalism Program to provide the expertise and staff while the DSA picked up the expenses. There was an immediate saving to the DSA because it no longer had to pay the editorial staff. We asked for and received a commitment from the DSA that there would be no editorial interference and we would be free to publish a real newspaper rather than merely a public relations sheet for any particular group. A couple of years later, DSA hired a manager whose function was in part to be an advertising salesman for Spoke. This person

immediately instituted an adversarial relationship with Spoke by refusing to have anything to do with selling of advertising. This had a detrimental effect on relations between the two groups. We at the time were involved in computerizing the publishing operation which led to considerable savings. In the end a new agreement was struck in which DSA would pay a stipulated amount for us to publish the paper and we would handle all operations. The amount was \$18,000 and it included not only the current costs but also the replacement of equipment.
This was 10 years ago and we have continued to publish Spoke at

the same rate, despite considerable inflation during this period. In effect, we have been doing the job for less and less.
I feel that the arrangement has been mutually beneficent. Spoke strives to be a real paper which covers all the news in the college fairly and impartially. We have not always been successful in this but we do have a newspaper which is as good or better than any of the universities and colleges in our area. We have periodically received attacks from the students and college administration for things that have been printed but people who feel they have been unfairly dealt with have a recourse

of writing letters to the editor. We have always printed these letters unless they were defamatory. There is also a provision for an editorial board to be convened by the chairman of applied arts to deal with coverage deemed to be unfair. This is more than most newspapers will allow.
If DSA withdraws its funding, the end result will be that Conestoga College will be left without a student newspaper. I don't believe that, if DSA returned to its role as publisher, it could do so at the cost for which it is currently getting a first-rate newspaper.
Andrew Jankowski
Co-ordinator, Journalism Program

Computer crisis at Doon is an ongoing dilemma

To the Editor:
It's one o'clock on a Friday, and you're scrambling to put the finishing touches on the essay that's due today.
The computer lab is humming, full of running machines and the keyboards echo their keys that are hit.
A new class is beginning and the students find themselves a terminal. The instructor suddenly bellows, "If you're not in my class leave now".

You mumble an appropriate phrase to yourself, but realize there's really not much you can do. However, you're pretty much finished anyway.
Then, as you're attempting to print this report, the instructor bolts around and boldly says, "Whoever prints on this printer, I'll break their arms".
You sit there numb, stunned by this sudden aggression. Now you may be stunned, because this actually happened.

I wish I could say this was a rare occurrence, but I can't. Everyday, students are removed from the computer labs for reasons completely unknown.
There may be only half of the terminals used, yet the instructor will not permit you to enter. This boils down to the individual instructor's discretion, which is sad.
I respect the instructor's right to his/her class, however, if there are open terminals and I remain un-

disruptive to the class, I don't see any problem.
I spoke with an instructor from the CPA department concerning this matter.
He clearly indicated that he would and does allow students in his class when there is room, provided they are quiet and not constantly printing. This is his discretion, and a decision that would work for all of us.
This is a matter that is not improving. I hear students everyday

complaining they cannot get a computer to finish their reports or essays.
Many are not fortunate enough to have a computer of their own.
A little understanding and mutual agreement is all that is needed.
Let's end these "bits and bytes" before there really is a computer "crash".
Robert Duke
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Entertainment

Fire in the Sky has an outstanding storyline

By Jason Schmidt

Literally dozens of movies have been written that were based on true stories. True stories about unsolved murders, kidnapped children and horrendous tragedies all make for an interesting plot.

But write a movie about a man who was abducted by aliens and say it was based on a true story, and the public sense of curiosity will go through the roof. Such is the case regarding the movie Fire in the Sky.

The plot is simple. An Arizona logger is beamed into a spaceship, undergoes hideous experiments with extraterrestrials, and is re-

turned to earth five days later.

His friends, who were with the victim during the time of abduction, were completely amazed at what they saw.

The small township where the story takes place, is also confused about the disappearance and are not about to accept the fact one of their residents was taken away by little green men.

The township believes the reason for the man's disappearance is he was murdered by his friends. This gives the movie a whole new twist as angered residents are suddenly turned against the five other loggers.

The movie stars D. B. Sweeny, Craig Sheffer and Henry Thomas, and was based on Travis Walton's

book about how he was allegedly kidnapped by visitors from another planet and later returned.

Fire in the Sky also stars James Garner who plays a very skeptical police lieutenant, a veteran in the force who has never had an unsolved case.

Combined with Walton's disappearance, an outraged town, the horrified men who witnessed the abduction and the later return of Walton back to earth; this makes for a very suspenseful movie.

The whole idea of the story being true gives the viewer a much more intense look at the film and keeps the viewers on the edge of their seats all the way through.

Also included are some breath-taking scenes inside the spaceship in which Walton was aboard. Here the viewers are provided with a sense of what it really might be like to be forcibly taken away by aliens.

Overall this is a highly recommended movie. Special effects and famous movie stars are not something that are highly emphasized in Fire in the Sky, but the outstanding story line and the fact it is based on a true story gives it what it takes to go the extra mile.

Viewers might walk away wondering when it will be their turn to be abducted by little green aliens.

Mistress would have been better left on the shelf

By Sheri Hargreaves

Mistress? How about mistitled? Mistress, one of this month's video releases can be found in the comedy section, but this, like the video's name and packaging, can be deceiving.

The video sleeve portrayed a film about a movie director with "integrity, vision and a serious script." In this part Robert Wuhl was more of a manic depressive with a bratty attitude. When he joined forces with a Hollywood producer, played by Martin Landau, to raise the money to produce the script into a movie, there was a little charm but the charming bits were few and far between.

With the name Mistress, and a movie producer described on the video sleeve as sleazy, one might have expected a few sex scenes, perhaps on the producer's casting couch, but that wasn't meant to be.

In fact there was very little reference to sex, and no swearing whatsoever; no nudity, no violence, no drugs and no one abusing alcohol. Squeaky clean.

It was unlikely that the movie portrayed what the jacket described as the "truth about Hollywood."

Now, the way Landau's character manipulates the people around him could hardly be described as sleazy. He tries to keep everybody happy all of the time, and does quite

a job. The producer's character was excellently written and brilliantly executed by Landau, with smooth talking and perfect timing. If he is a sleaze, he is a kind and sincere one, stroking egos and pampering everyone else's pride along the way.

It's hard to say whether the movie could have been made better. The directing and production were excellent, and so was the script-writing, but there was something missing.

Perhaps it had to do with the fact that the movie was not very funny, or that the only mistress was not that big of a part to the story. It could have been the lack of a happy

ending. It could be that as a viewer, one was expected to empathize with the character played by Wuhl, who is self defeating and solely responsible for his own tragedies. The character does not draw compassion.

It was not "funnier, wiser and far more entertaining than The Player" as the sleeve suggested. Nor was it a "shrewd and uproarious gem."

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EPP co-ordinator is an inspiration to women

By Allana Gillam-Wright

Sue Garlick is an inspiration to every woman who has had to make the decision to pursue a career and raise a family. Although such decisions are never easy, they are often necessary for an individual's peace of mind. In an earlier interview, Garlick spoke of the choice she made.

"After teaching public school, senior public and high school, I couldn't settle into just staying at home," said Garlick, "but I didn't want to teach children again. I received my B.A. in English and sociology at Trent University as a mature student. I decided that if I went back to teaching it would be to teach mature students."

In 1971, when her youngest child turned two, Garlick joined the teaching staff of Conestoga College.

She taught night school and was the supply teacher for the continuing education classes during the day.

In 1983, Garlick became the co-ordinator of the Employment Preparation Program (EPP) offered by the college in Cambridge.

The program has an average duration of 400 hours and comprises two phases.

The first phase (training readiness) is eight weeks long and is designed to help students increase

and acquire skills in career choices, life skills and work situation experience. An academic assessment is included in this phase.

The second phase (academic preparation) may last up to 44 weeks.

Students acquire skills in mathematics, communications and science to the level necessary for entry into their chosen training, or employment area. The program also gives people without Grade 12 the chance to enter college.

When asked if she felt the program was successful, Garlick immediately went to her files and produced a thick folder of success stories.

With pride she presented clippings from local papers of former students who had gone on to become accomplished in their chosen careers.

"This is what makes everything worthwhile as a teacher," said Garlick.

"The results aren't immediate because most of the students we see here are in a transitional stage and this is a stepping stone to further training and a satisfying career. So when I read about a former student who has made it or hear from a student who has gone on to complete his or her education, it makes me very happy."

Former students, to this day, credit Garlick with having helped

them attain their goals.

One such student is Karen Bolger. Bolger had completed Grade 12 and some Grade 13 credits at Galt collegiate institute in Cambridge and had applied to the nursing program offered at Doon Campus of Conestoga College.

She was not accepted. She lacked the proper communication and comprehension skills.

Bolger enrolled in the eight-week Ontario Basic Skills program (the first phase of the EPP) to improve her reading comprehension and knowledge of English.

"Sue tested me for reading ability and comprehension, it was low," said Bolger, "She started me working on reading labs and rate builders."

Bolger also had to study grammar, and Garlick pushed her to do homework.

After the eight-week course, Bolger went into the upgrading program, here she had six hours of grammar a day for nine weeks.

"I felt discouraged because Sue pushed so hard and kept telling me I wasn't going to make it if I refused to do the homework," said Bolger. "I thought she was mean and unreasonable, in fact, I thought she was a real witch."

"Sue kept pushing me to do reading labs and I used to get so tired of them, but I reapplied for nursing in February of 1991 and I was ac-

cepted.

"Sue's help in time management and developing good study habits has enabled me to handle the homework involved in my course. Without Sue I couldn't have made it," admitted Bolger.

Garlick said it is her job to make sure that students meet the require-

ments set out by college program co-ordinators, and sometimes it is not an easy task.

Although the job is often stressful Garlick would never think of leaving it.

"I could do this for the next 20 years and never be bored," said Garlick. "Each day is different."



Sue Garlick makes sure students meet program requirements.

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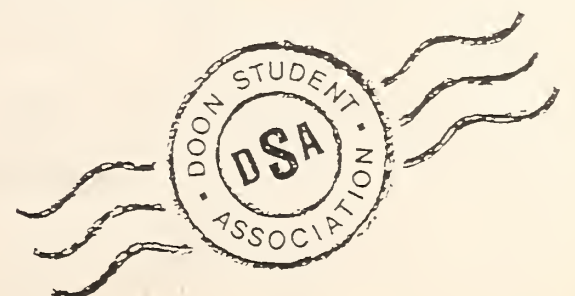
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Cancellation angers students

By Natasha Sweeney

Homegrown Talent Night, which was scheduled for March 25, was cancelled on March 22, because no advance tickets were sold. This has left some students who had entered the talent night angered.

T.J. Peric, a third-year general arts and science student, and Derek Marsh, second-year design analysis, said the Doon Student Association (DSA) would not give them tickets to sell in advance.

Peric said he asked for tickets to sell in advance when he submitted his sign-up sheet and the DSA would not give him any.

Marsh said he probably could have sold 40-50 tickets and said there would have been "a few hundred there easily."

"What the hell did they think we were out to do," said Peric, who said he was not allowed to sell tickets, "rob them?"

Now, Peric said, you have literally no one coming to the event that might be held as a nooner due to the cancellation.

Becky Boertien, DSA activities co-ordinator, said she was never approached by Peric about buying tickets, and she is the one who distributes them.

Boertien said she would have taken his name and given him tick-

ets to sell. "Anybody who wants to sell them can,"

She said the event was cancelled because no tickets had been sold, and no one asked about tickets. Entries for the competition were also low, and it wasn't "worth putting up the expense for 20 people to show."

Peric said he wanted his group Sour Mash to be "better known and now it's down the tubes." Peric estimated 120 people would have been coming to see his band, and there is also the consideration of people attending to see the other bands.

Approaching DSA president Todd Sutherland did nothing to help their cause of keeping the event going. Peric said he told Sutherland they could have sold 100 tickets by Thursday, but the DSA had already cancelled the liquor license.

"Our band's philosophy is the show must go on," said Peric. "Put yourself in our shoes. We've practised our asses off" and now the event is cancelled.

"What really gets me," said Peric, "is nobody (on the DSA) has sold tickets."

Peric said the event was cancelled without having a meeting with band members to get everyone's input.

"This is bureaucracy, when the DSA says no, that's it," said Peric.

Peric said his band had been preparing for the event for three weeks

and "it's a lot of hard work. We've been looking forward to this for a while."

Peric was not fond of the possibility of the event becoming a nooner, because local groups would not get the same exposure.

Steve Tremblay, DSA vice-president administration, said "I'm not happy about homegrown being cancelled but the DSA did not have much of a choice."

Tremblay said there was no response or feedback. "When it came down to this being a licensed event, we have to pay for a licence and buy an estimated amount of liquor for people showing up."

The DSA can't order liquor and have no one show up, said Tremblay.

The DSA executive had tickets to sell, added Tremblay and the event was advertised with banners outside the student lounge and in the cafeteria and well as advertising in Spoke and on all DSA boards.

It was hard to say if the advertising was effective, said Tremblay and the event was cancelled at the executive meeting, because of lack of feedback.

"We can't chance it at the door because of liquor sales," he said.

"It's too bad," said Tremblay, that the event was cancelled but it was "a decision the executive had to make based on student response."

Madonna's 'SEX' book not available in LRC

By Julie Magee

Conestoga College's Learning Resource Centre (LRC) will not be receiving Madonna's book **SEX**.

Although Cambridge's public library has two copies of the controversial book, Doon's LRC does not feel compelled to order it.

According to Shari Gross, library technician, the LRC purchases books that pertain specifically to the courses that Conestoga offers, and Madonna's **SEX** does not fit into this category.

Cambridge's public library has been overwhelmed by the response the book has received.

It is only available for adults to sign out. At present, there are 80 people on the waiting list for the two copies of the coffee-table book.

Greg Hayton, chief librarian, was not surprised by the number of people on the waiting list.

"Madonna's book was number one on the New York Times

bestseller list for several weeks," Hayton said.

"The first edition of one million copies was sold out in North America," Hayton added.

According to Donna Densmore, manager of W.H. Smith bookstore at Fairview-Park Mall, **SEX**, was released Oct. 16 1992, for \$59.95 and it can be sold only to adults.

The store sold 95 copies before Christmas and people are still asking for the book.


Despite the great demand, the LRC is not going to buy it.

"We would order it (the book) if faculty came and requested it saying they're using it in a course they are teaching," Gross said.

Roger Young, a photo-journalism teacher, feels Madonna's book does not coincide with the photography course at Conestoga.

"Madonna's book is a good example of the decadent American society," Young said.

"And it is also a good chance for Madonna to make money," he added.



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Counsellor's Corner with Pat Trudeau



In my cabinet there is a file marked "Extraordinary Acts of Ordinary People." You know the ones -The guy who jumps into the freezing river to save a child. You hear about their acts of courage on the evening news.

Our college abounds with such people who go beyond the call of duty. They are my heroes and they renew my faith in the nobility of everyday people.

On April 8, the Awards Dinner will be held and a few such individuals will be honoured. I encourage you to attend in celebration of their excellence.

Here are a few awards that you will never see. I made them up.

The award for "raw courage" goes to the mature student who demanded to know a police officer's name and badge number when he refused to make out an accident report.

For "accommodation," the award goes to the student who drove her car pool mate to school on a day when she herself had to be in court.

The award for "reaching out" goes to the student who overheard a visitor to the college making program enquiries and offered a name

and phone number. She was able to give an inside perspective and did.

When prospective students wanted to know more about programs than the could glean from the access with success sessions, there were faculty and managers who make time to meet with them. Tony, Paul, Peter, Larry, Eleanor are just a few who got the "busy people who bothered" award.

The "take heart" award goes to those faculty who resurrected the College Employee Association and published an employee newsletter aimed at all employees of the college. They refuse to go it alone and that is not a bad model for our students.

To all those weary students on fixed incomes who haul resistant kids to school or day care and still manage to help out peers when they arrive, I salute you with the "how do you do it?" award.

Take a good look around. There are heroes in the hallway and their spirit enables us all.

Pat Trudeau is a counsellor at the Doon Student Services.

Ceiling renovations improve LRC

By Julie Magee

A lowered ceiling with new lighting and improvement on the air ducts were the renovations accomplished during study week for the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) at Conestoga's Doon campus.

However, the old lights are still in the ceiling until the new ones are installed at the end of March.

Jill Douglas, co-ordinator of the LRC, is pleased with the way the ceiling renovations

look.

"Even though all of the ceiling tiles are not in, you can visualize what its going to look like," Douglas said.

Douglas is quick to point out that the ceiling renovations were not done for looks, rather the lowered ceiling was for energy efficiency and to improve the air quality. The work done on the air ducts in the LRC has improved the air quality, noted Douglas.

According to Douglas the

lights will be energy efficient which will save the college money on energy.

"The new ceiling lights will look just like the lights that are in the hallway," explained Douglas.

"We have noticed an improvement with the sound quality in the library because of the ceiling tiles that are up are absorbing sound," Douglas said.

The lights will be installed during the evening so the LRC will not be closed during the day.

Graduates still find work despite recession

By Zen Karp

Students graduating from Conestoga College still have a good chance of finding jobs despite the recession, according to a Conestoga College report on 1991-92 graduates.

The report stated that 694 of 838 (82.8 per cent) graduates available for employment after leaving Conestoga found work.

In the School of Applied Arts, 199 of 231 (86.1 per cent) of students available for work were employed.

In the School of Business, 203 of 248 (81.9 per cent) of available graduates found jobs.

Out of 162 available graduates from the School of Engineering Technology, 120 (74.1 per cent) were employed.

A total of 172 of 197 (87.3 per cent) available graduates from the School of Health Sciences found jobs after Conestoga.

Manager of Co-operative Education and Placement, Debbie Smith, said of the 82 per cent of graduates employed, 62 per cent of them found jobs directly related to their programs.

"In spite of the economic uncertainty," Smith said, "employers continue to demonstrate their confidence in our programs by hiring Conestoga College graduates. . . This is excellent news in these times of high unemployment."

Evaluations time consuming

By Zen Karp

With teacher evaluations using over 70,000 pieces of paper and 17,325 student hours, Conestoga College's OPSEU representative John Berry questions whether it's all worth it.

Berry, who came up with rough figures of the time and paper consumed by teacher evaluations, said "just looking at this process, I won-

der what's going to be accomplished by it."

But he also said he thinks student input is necessary.

"I have no problem with students giving their input, but a lot of teachers have done it on an informal basis," he said.

"The biggest problem is it becomes a numbers game, I don't think there's been a lot done with it," he said.

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Maple Leafs are good, but not good enough



Sports Talk

By Jason Schmidt

When it comes to NHL hockey, one doesn't have to be an expert to know that the Toronto Maple Leafs run into the odd losing streak once in a while.

The 1970s proved to be nothing special for Toronto and the 1980s could easily be referred to as the "down the tubes years." When was the last time the Leafs won the Stanley Cup? Was it 1967? It's been so long it's hard to remember.

Back in the 1960s the Leafs could do no wrong, but times have really changed and things have gone completely downhill. Instead of leading victory parades in downtown Toronto, the Maple Leafs have more often found themselves in the basement of the

Norris Division.

That is the way it has been for years, decades almost, and this year will definitely be no exception. The only victory for Toronto this year will be a spot in the playoffs, nothing else. The Leafs will put up a noble fight, but they will go down.

Spearheading the race for a playoff position will be Toronto's point leader Doug Gilmour. The crafty little centreman leads the team with 112 points and has proved himself worthy more than once.

Dave Anderchuk has been outstanding as well. Recently acquired from the Buffalo Sabres Anderchuk has 89 points, most of which however, were scored while playing for Buffalo.

But who else is there? John Cullen is still injured and no one's sure when he will return. Wendel Clark and Glenn Anderson have come through in the past, but fall short when it comes to reliability.

Dave Ellet, Todd Gill, Peter Zezel and Rob Pearson are solid mediocre athletes but they too lack the skill and leadership to make the Leafs a winning team.

Any one player below in the standings of the players already listed are also hardworking contributors, but they need leadership. That brings us back to Gilmour. There is no way he can do it by himself. Toronto needs at least three more players of the same calibre if they want to finish first in their division.

All the Leafs have to do is look up and that familiar feeling of depression sets in. The two teams ahead of Toronto in the Norris Division, the two teams that have always been ahead of them, are

Detroit and Chicago.

Everyone knows what happens when the Leafs play one of these squads. When was the last Toronto beat either of these teams?

When it comes to Detroit, Toronto has a hard enough time playing against Bob Probert let alone the whole team.

Chicago has been a nightmare as well. With Steve Larmer, Jeremy Roenick, Chris Chelios and Christian Ruutu all playing for the Blackhawks, it's easy to see winning is an up-hill battle.

With all this in mind, I'm happy to say that I will still cheer for Toronto but my expectations aren't that high. I'll be happy if Toronto makes the playoffs.

Every Maple Leaf fan should be happy with the way Toronto has been playing lately, but every Maple Leaf fan should also have an alternate team to cheer for when Toronto gets eliminated during the first round of the playoffs.

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